

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the subject PCT national stage application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment. The present amendment incorporates the following amendments made during the PCT International Stage: (1) amendments under Article 19 on February 10, 2004, and (2) amendments under Article 34 on June 7, 2004 (see English-language translations of Article 19 and 34 amendments enclosed herewith).

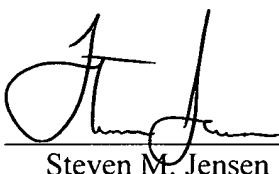
It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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